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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: because of departmental change of policy the prior excitement of Project Share was lost with the discontinuance of the program. Some of the programs we initiated to take up the slack were:

- a. Morningsides: we held one early-morning morningside at the third ward chapel with Sister Becky Reeves as the speaker. She did an excellent job. And the students who attended (150) we strengthened to see the resolve of a person confined to a wheelchair by tragic circumstances, but so intent in following the commandments of her Father in Heaven, and serving in a missionary effort. She is the daughter of Br. Reeves of the First Council of Seventy and the sister of Br. Rex Reeves the institute instructor at Orem Trade Tech. Outstanding morning. Refreshments of cookies and milk were served.
- b. Sacrament meeting speaking assignments: Our seminary was asked several times to put on the speaking agendas of ward sacrament meetings. This year we spoke at the 5th ward, 2nd ward, Daniels ward and the newly organized 8th ward. Also Brother Blanchard spoke as seminary principal at the 2nd, 5th, Midway 1st, Wallsburg, 1st and Center Creek Wards. The students did admirably, with great preparation, composure and testimony. Br. Grant Moulton led the student effort in each case.
- c. Missionary Classroom visits: 6 missionaries from Orem and the local area visited our classes for a complete day and supervised a simulation exercise in role-play missionary work which was outstanding and had long lasting effect on all those present, including the instructors. We would encourage that same kind of approach next year.
- d. Christmas sharing effort: All the students brought canned goods from home after working in various efforts to purchase them with their own monies. After thus giving of themselves, their cans made a giant tin-can Christmas tree which was divided into large parcels and given to the Bishops of various wards to distribute to the needy of our area, (both LDS and non.) All in all, we understood 6 families were appreciably assisted)
- e. Book of Mormon Read-in: In an effort to assist those students having some difficulty with the reading of the Book of Mormon a night-time read-in was held with some 85 students in attendance. We watched some laurel and hardy films during break time and served milk and donuts. We read along with Book of Mormon tapes for several books that night and had a good experience and fine socializing.
- f. Zone Leader Leadership Conferences: The student council put on evening zone leader conferences where over 100 zone leaders from 9th through 12th grade were in attendance and received ideas for devotionals etc. Testimony meetings were held concurrently and talks on different leadership subjects given by the current seminary council members. Ice cream was served. Everyone brought a pint of different flavored ice cream and it was all mixed together in Br. Blanchards famous "Hog Trough" recipe. Lots of fun and lasting effect toward leadership in the classroom.

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g. Scripture Chase Activities: An inter-class tournament was held between all classes of all teachers with approximately 6 rounds of double-elimination competition. A lot of fun and competition was had and also some problems. Br. Blanchards 6th period won the newly instituted class achievement traveling trophy and were thrilled. We have hoped to improve this type of competition next year and iron out some of the bugs. Also a class achievement trophy started this year will allow some fun competition.

h. Bi-Stake Scripture Tournament: Twenty-four teams of 8 students each and representing respective wards met at the Heber-East stake center on a Sunday evening in April and electronically ran off to see who was the fastest and most accurate scripture chasers. It went quite smoothly and was well attended. At the end result, the Heber 6th ward was victoriously and became the first entry on the new annual trophy. They also won a supper at the Homestead Restaurant and the 2nd Place team, (Daniels Ward) won that recognition and a supper at Becko's Pizza Palace. Approximately 250 people and students were in attendance. The competition was run on head on basis, and measure by electronic Quiz-a-matic machines. Assisting with the competition were Brothers Campbell, Blanchard, Hull, Calderwood, Rose and Damron. It was very appropriate.

i. Senior Graduation Seminary Banquet: Approximately 290 people in attendance at the evening at Heber-East Stake Center to honor this years potential graduates. The dinner was prepared by Bates Catering and serving was handled under Br. Blanchards supervision with seminary students helping with set up, serving and clean-up. The entertainment was the high school swing choir under the direction of Br. Ken Durrant, band leader. The swing choir was made up of the same students who were graduates and students in the seminary. Everyone worked hard and we realized an excellent evening. The menu was ham, salad, corn, potatoes au gratin, apple pie, water etc. Cost came to about 40¢. dollars. 200 dollars of which was budgeted and the other being split by the participating wards this year: Center Creek, Heber 3rd, Midway 2nd, and Heber 5th.

j. Guardian Angel: again this year names were drawn and the seminary student council supervised the anonymous sharing of gifts to the selected pairings; themes were followed for sharing such as something romantic, something that tastes good, something funny, something that smells good, and anything goes. A lot of excitement. A few non-caring students always lend an ungrateful tone to things. I havent figured a way around that as yet. But generally a good time.

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- k. Closing Social: according to the directives of the department, we curtailed outside activities and held our closing social to an inter-class softball game and goodies on the last day of seminary, preceeded by the showing of "Exodus". Which was long, but an outstanding preview to next years Old Testament studies.
- l. Christmas Movie: this years Christmas movie was "Lost Horizon". An excellent and inspirational film, that was well received.

Missionary Efforts: This year due to our excellent effort of our students in fellowshipping, Br. Ron Messick, Randy Schaefer and Edgar Marcisscano were Baptized. All were completely due to students caring for other students. Ron Messick had moved from California to live with his father. Randy Schaefer had been a confirmed Catholic but a lovely LDS girlfriend had a profound effect. Hes been baptized, and hopefully converted. Also currently being taught are Ron Goden, a non-member who may have some permissiona problems. One German Exchange student wanted desperately to join and possessed an outstanding testimony, but her parents would not relent and forced her return to Germany. Edgar Marcisscano, an exchange student from Panama recently received parental waivers to be baptized and has a baptismal date of May 26, 1979.

Seminary Council for next year:

President: Brent Young
Secretary/Hist: Penny Olsen
V.P. : Marie Merkley
V.P. : Corry Murray
V.P. : Janese Casper

Building Plans: A 3 room addition onto the present Senior Seminary Building has been approved at the writing of this report and a pre-bid conference held on the 9th of May with the acceptance of bids on the 23rd of May to be held. 160 working days will be allowed with the projected completion of the new building scheduled toward the end of October. Keith Stepan and Timmerman of Salt Lake are the architects and drawing s are available. We are all excited. Our new facility and expanding faculty will allow us to institute new efforts in special education offerings which are very much needed at the current time. Also a library will be included which is needed.

Graduation: 110 projected graduates will receive diplomas & certificates on the 20th of May and a full report with program will accompany it to central office.

Evaluation and Goals: Both instructors and students have worked hard and profited in the Book of Mormon this year. Next years specific goals will be better scriptur competition, emphasis on filing, faculty harmony and socializing together and implementing effectively new department activity guidelines and having a great experience in the Old Testament & our new buldg. and faculty.

John Charles Blanchard
John Charles Blanchard, Principal

May 15/79

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Special activities:

Special activities outside the classroom were limited due to the 1st Presidencies' request for simplification. We had one major morningside with with the BYU wheelchair athlete, Curt Brinkman. He did a great job and later won the Boston Marathon. Our seminary students accept and organize sacrament meeting speaking assignments at almost every ward in the two stakes. Did a truly outstanding job. The Christmas Share project of giving canned goods and toys to needy families was very successful again this year, and involved a lot more people this year. Their catching on to good leadership.

Zone leadership conferences were held two times this year with excellent inservice given by the seminary council and "hog trough" treats afterwards.

Scripture-chase finals were held between the 16 wards again, but this time housed in our new seminary 5-room facility instead of a stake center. Daniels ward defeated Heber 9th ward for 1st place and both the teams were treated to a big breakfast here the following week and trophies presented to Daniels. Br. Campbell headed up the competitions this year.

Senior Graduation banquet was held in the Heber-Utah Stake Center this year and successfully with two local doctors providing the entertainment. However, I truly feel that we are just feeding the graduates, not honoring them. Also, this year we had only about 80% attendance. Next year we plan on a different format and approach as passed by the Board of Education. Guardian Angel program was again an outstanding break and success. Always works well. A+ this year.

Graduations:

69 graduates were received this year, with the small senior class. Excellent caliber students. A full report is submitted with the program. Brother Max Pinegar spoke and did an outstanding job. Brent Young was the student speaker and did very well. The program was 1 1/2 hrs. in duration, done without formal rehearsal and came off very well.

Movies: Movies shown this year I felt were excellent, but its an ever-increasing problem of finding suitable films. Prices are going up rapidly and we need a more comprehensive policy and recommended list from the district.

Seminary Council for next year:

President: Joe Bond
V.P. Janis Tolley
V.P. Don Breen
V.P. Shelly Summerhays
* a fresh. V.P. will be called later.

This group was called and set apart by the Stake Presidents and was well done.

Evaluation & Goals: Both teachers & students were well taught in Old Testament.

Faculty interaction & harmony must be our major goals. I feel good about everything else if we can accomplish that. A good year, the Lord would be happy.

*Br. John Blanchard
Principal*

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Beginning August 23/79 to May 23/80
Heber 9-12 Released-time Seminary

The Heber Seminary is located at 180 East 600 South, in Heber City, Utah. This seminary now serves two stakes and 16 wards within the Heber and Wallsburg valleys. It serves students now from 9th through 12th grades and is located adjacent to the Wasatch Senior High Facility. The previous 9th grades seminary has been sold since incorporation of the middle-school concept and an addition attached to our building.

Principal: John Charles Blanchard

Teachers: William L. Hall Jr.

J. Brent Kelly (new)

Dennis C. Campbell

Boyd (Buddy) Calderwood (disc.)

LaVerne C. Ellis, secretary and pt. time special ed. instructor.

Seminary Officers: Brent Young, President

Marie Merkley, V.P.

Janese Casper, V.P.

Corry Murray, V.P.

Penny Olsen, Sec. / Historian

Opening social: Some 355 students gathered at the 3rd & 7th ward chapel to socialize with hayrides around town, competitions, food (sloppy joes) and a dance. Everyone mixed very well and we received excellent help from the new student council and their parents. The dance was moderately successful, inasmuch as the dancing tastes of youth are so weird today. I'm not sure we'll try that again, for a while.

Personnel Changes: We've certainly had our share of personnel changes this year with the local school districts taking all the 9th grade over to the high school. What with local population growth and the aforementioned middle-school innovations we added a new man, Br. J. Brent Kelly to our faculty, and brought the Jr. Seminary teacher into our faculty, Br. Dennis Campbell.

Initially, brother Buddy Calderwood was hired as the new teacher here, coming from Park City Seminary, where he had taught for four years. But Brother Calderwood decided about a month into the school year to pursue other business ventures and discontinued with the seminary program. Brother Brent Kelly, who had student taught with me the previous year was then employed and has done an outstanding job. Sister Ellis was hired this year as a special education instructor for our small class made up of students with special educational handicaps (8 students). She has done a marvel-ous work with them and served as our secretary also. This was Brother Mullis' 11th year teaching in Heber, and after doing a truly great job here has decided to move and accept a seminary position with the Orem High Seminary next year. He'll be greatly missed, but replaced by Brother Jack Rose, from California. He has been with the early morning program there and the Institutes. Sister Ellis will also be doing other employment as Br. Rose comes to us with good special education skills. Therefore, we will need to find another secretary. Br. Mullis has been very special.